

E. D. Moore,

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Bro. Phelps

Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult was received.  
I have sent no word to Stone, & of course  
you can take your own way. I think  
the course you propose is the best one.

Bucher's article was "outrageous", & his last  
one about as much so. He seems almost to  
think he is your master & preserver, much  
more your tutor & governor. Such a proudly  
assuming as he manifests I think cannot but be  
seen & laughed at by discerning people. & it seems  
to me that instead of a valuable reply to all  
his provoking bombast & affected "holy horror" of a  
bad spirit, & passing Verdict will be e-  
nough to let out his wind & effect a collapse.  
You seem to be of the same mind.

In conversation with Beecher the other day I  
said that you had spent the argument VanDunne  
ly in your last article, & added that the people  
are quite as good <sup>authority</sup> as the fathers. He assented &  
said that he ought to be willing to admit that  
the fathers, & all the received interpretations about  
slaveholding might be wrong, for he expected to  
overturn the whole of them on another point, -  
alluding I suppose to his book.

Let us have your copy as early as Saturday morning.